

After-School Care Supervisor, Associate Educator, and now an Elementary School Teacher.

Ms. Bosfield-Moore is a role model who demonstrated in her own life how her students could overcome the obstacles they faced in theirs. She raised five of her sibling's children; two of her own children; and four grandchildren, and still she made the time to graduate from college with a teaching degree at the age of forty-three. This is a truly remarkable task, and it speaks volumes about the truly remarkable person she is.

Ms. Bosfield-Moore's dedication, loyalty, compassion, and involvement will be sorely missed at Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School, by parents, colleagues, administrators and students alike.

Congratulations, Ms. Bosfield-Moore, for a job well done.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWNRIVER COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to acknowledge the 25th Anniversary of the Downriver Council for the Arts (DCA). The DCA has been a driving force in bringing quality arts education, valuable cultural information and employment to artists and educators throughout the Downriver community.

Founded in 1978, the DCA is a non-profit, umbrella organization that represents, promotes and serves the 18 Downriver communities. The DCA's Home Gallery, resource library, information center, newsletter, cultural calendar, weekly column, arts hotline, website and cable programs provide up-to-date information on artistic, cultural and special events to the nearly 400,000 residents of Downriver.

The DCA works closely with community-based arts organizations, service clubs, municipal governments, schools and social agencies to bring the arts into the community. This wonderful organization nurtures the cultural and artistic growth of thousands of Downriver residents. The DCA not only fosters strong relationships between art institutions and educators, but also serves as a bridge between all socio-economic categories.

The DCA provides volunteer, educational and professional development opportunities, works to insure equal access to artistic opportunities and promotes the recognition of art and culture as a primary contributor to economic development and the quality of life within the Downriver communities.

Mr. Speaker, as the Downriver Council for the Arts celebrates its 25th Anniversary, I would ask that all my colleagues rise and salute this phenomenal organization for all that they have done and will continue to do for the arts in Downriver.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 2, 2003, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 227, 228, and 229. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 227 on Suspending the Rules and Agreeing to H. Res. 159, Expressing Profound Sorrow on the Occasion of the Death of Irma Rangel; rollcall vote 228 on Suspending the Rules and Agreeing to H. Res. 195, Congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for Hitting 500 Major League Home Runs; and rollcall vote 229 on Suspending the Rules and Passing H.R. 1465, the General Charles Gabriel Post Office Building Designation Act.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 227, 228, and 229.

CONGRATULATING ALAN KENT LIPKE, RETIRING PRINCIPAL OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN JACKSON, MISSOURI FOR 39 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION'S CHILDREN

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, a well-known proverb exemplifies the life mission of our friend and educator Alan Lipke. "A child is not a vessel to be filled, but a lamp to be lit."

For 39 years, Alan Lipke has been an educator committed to bringing light to the lives of our children. Whether it was for two years at St. Paul Lutheran School in Evansville, Indiana, for 13 years at St. Paul Lutheran School in Aurora, Illinois or for the last 22 years right here at St. Paul Lutheran School in Jackson, Missouri, students across the Heartland have been blessed by the dedication and passion of someone who has spent his life preparing our children for the future.

Now, after playing such an integral role in the education of countless youngsters, Alan Lipke has decided it is time to retire from education and begin a new chapter in his life. Though it is clear that he has "put in his time," it is with a heavy heart that we prepare for Alan's departure. He has been a remarkable and stellar educator and after 39 years of unparalleled service to the teaching profession, to say that his absence from education will be missed is an understatement.

And though Alan is retiring from his current profession, I know he will still be a visible and active member of the Jackson community. Maybe we'll see him at Jackson Chamber of Commerce meetings, at festivities for the St. Paul Lutheran School or just out enjoying time with his wife Sally, his children Lisa and Scott, his daughter-in-law Ashley, and most important of all, his grandson Parker. Wherever we may see him, I am sure he will be having fun and enjoying this rich and wonderful time of his life.

Mr. Speaker, on this very special occasion, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in con-

gratulating Alan on this milestone and wish him every happiness for the future. Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO BLONEVA SMITH

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Bloneva Smith, a remarkable teacher who, after 37 years of dedicated service, has decided to retire from the Dade County Schools.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate from Booker T. Washington Senior High School in Miami, Florida. She attended Howard University in Washington, DC, where she earned her undergraduate degree. Bloneva Smith is a member of Mt. Hermon AME Church and a sister of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Mrs. Smith brought to her young students, as well as her young teaching colleagues, a wealth of experience and a perspective on educational progress that spans some of the most difficult decades in our history. Her teaching career began in 1966, during a time when the Dade schools were still effectively racially segregated and black educators were traditionally assigned to teach at historically black schools.

In January 1970, she was reassigned to Treasure Island Elementary School in response to a court order to integrate all schools. Mrs. Smith continued teaching there for 16 years before moving on to Rainbow Park Elementary and finally to Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School, where she has decided to end her teaching career.

I understand that Mrs. Smith has been called a "quiet storm" because she gets results without making a big fuss. We thank her for her service as a proficient and effective educator, and I know all my colleagues join in offering her our best wishes in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP OF JOSEPH L. HUDSON JR.

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the extraordinary leadership of Mr. Joseph L. Hudson Jr. Mr. Hudson has been a committed civic leader in the greater Detroit area for over 45 years. Over the course of his lifetime, Mr. Hudson has served as a role model for not only his leadership abilities, but his dedication to his community, his church and, most important of all, his family.

Born on July 4, 1931 in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Hudson was destined to be a strong figure in our Nation's landscape. Mr. Hudson joined the J.L. Hudson Company following graduation from Yale in 1953. Between 1954 and 1956 he served as an artillery officer with the U.S. Army in Germany. In 1956 he returned to Hudson's, was elected a Vice President in 1957 and in 1961 became President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Hudson retired from the